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**Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)**

The amendment document filed on 6-25-03 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121, as amended on June 30, 2003 (see 68 Fed. Reg. 38611, Jun. 30, 2003). In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following omission(s) or provision is required. **Only the section (1.121(h)) of the amendment document containing the omission or non-compliant provision must be resubmitted (in its entirety), e.g., the entire "Amendments to the claims" section of applicant's amendment document must be re-submitted.**

THE FOLLOWING CHECKED (X) ELEMENT(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT:

- ☐ 1. Amendments to the specification:
- ☐ A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings.
  - ☐ B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined.
  - ☐ C. Other \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ 2. Abstract:
- ☐ A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72.
  - ☐ B. Other \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ 3. Amendments to the drawings: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ 4. Amendments to the claims:
- ☒ A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present.
  - ☐ B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all claims (incl. withdrawn claims)
  - ☒ C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each cannot be identified.
  - ☐ D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order.
  - ☒ E. Other: see attachment also claims are misnumbered 1-12 adding 13-22

For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP Sec. 714 and the USPTO website at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/officeflyer.pdf>.

If the non-compliant amendment is a **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**, applicant is given **ONE MONTH** from the mail date of this letter to supply the corrected section which complies with 37 CFR 1.121. Failure to comply with 37 CFR 1.121 will result in non-entry of the preliminary amendment and examination on the merits will commence without consideration of the proposed changes in the preliminary amendment(s). This notice is not an action under 35 U.S.C. 132, and this **ONE MONTH** time limit is not extendable.

If the non-compliant amendment is a reply to a **NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**, and since the amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to be a reply (37 CFR 1.135(c)), applicant is given a **TIME PERIOD** of **ONE MONTH** from the mailing of this notice within which to re-submit the corrected section which complies with 37 CFR 1.121 in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD ARE AVAILABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

If the amendment is a reply to a **FINAL REJECTION**, this form may be an attachment to an Advisory Action. **The period for response to a final rejection continues to run from the date set in the final rejection**, and is not affected by the non-compliant status of the amendment.

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I CLAIM:

<sup>1.</sup>  
~~23~~ An informational article on which variable information is inserted, said article comprising:

a substrate having a zone for inserting said variable information;

a refractive image disposed within said zone; and

a covering that is secured to at least a portion of said zone, whereby efforts to remove said covering from said substrate will result in removal of a portion of said refractive image.

*24* <sup>1</sup>  
~~24~~ The informational article of Claim ~~23~~, wherein said refractive image is a halogram.

*25* <sup>1</sup>  
~~25~~ The informational article of Claim ~~23~~, wherein said informational article is a temporary vehicle registration.

*26* <sup>1</sup>  
~~26~~ The informational article of Claim ~~23~~, wherein said informational article is a handicap parking placard.

*27* <sup>1</sup>  
~~27~~ The informational article of Claim ~~23~~, wherein said covering is an adhesive tape.

*28* <sup>1</sup>  
~~28~~ The informational article of Claim ~~27~~, wherein said adhesive tape is transparent.

*29* <sup>1</sup>  
~~29~~ A method of protecting an informational article on which variable information is inserted, said method comprising:

providing an informational article substrate having a zone for inserting said variable information and a refractive image disposed within said zone;

inserting said variable information in said zone so that at least a portion of said variable information is disposed over said refractive image; and

securing a covering to at least a portion of said zone, whereby efforts to remove said covering from said substrate will result in removal of a portion of said refractive image.

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30. The method of Claim 29, wherein said refractive image is a halogram.

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9.  
31. The method of Claim 29, wherein said tape having a layer of silicone resin disposed on the outer surface thereof.

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32. The method of Claim 29, wherein said tape being made from a material selected from the group consisting of polyester and polyolefins.

11.  
33. The method of Claim 29, wherein said tape being made from a material selected from the group consisting of polypropylene and polyethylene.

12.  
34. The method of Claim 33, wherein said silicone resin containing about 2 1/2 to 10 percent by weight of a wax.